GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Registration & Stamps Department – Ante date stamps scandal - allegations against Sri B.Viswasa Rao, former Sub Registrar (Retired) and certain Registration officials of Zone-II and Zone-III – Preliminary Enquiry conducted – Report submitted – Show cause notice Issued – Representation submitted – Recovery of loss of Rs.2,79,340/- imposed – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.1156 Dated:19-11-2015

Read the following:

1. DIG, R&S (MV), O/o the C&IG, R&S, AP., Hyd., (Preliminary Enuqiry Officer) Lr.No.29788/Enqy/95, dt:21-4-1997.
2. Govt., Memo.No.1454/Vig.VI(1)/2010-8, dt:31-5-2010.
3. Govt., Memo.No.1454/Vig.VI(1)/2010-36, dt:5-12-2013.
4. Representation of Sri B.Viswasa Rao, former SR (Retd) dt:10-3-2014.
5. Govt., Lr.No.1454/Vig.II(1)/2010-60, dt:31-7-2015.
6. APPSC Lr.No.779/DC&C/2/2015, dt:7-10-2015.

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ORDER:

Where as in the reference 1st read above, it has been brought to the notice of Government that certain officials of Registration & Stamps Department in Zone-II & Zone-III were involved in ante dated stamps scandal in connection with the registration of documents executed on the stamps sold with ante dates without proper verification and thereby caused loss of Revenue to the State exchequer.

2. And whereas, on the directions of Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, the Preliminary Enquiry officer i.e., the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps (Market Value), Office of the Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad had submitted the report stating that certain registration officials have registered documents executed on the stamps sold with ante dates without proper verification and thereby caused loss of Revenue to the State exchequer in the reference 1st read above.

3. Whereas, based on the findings of Preliminary Enquiry Officer, it is observed that charges had not been framed against Sri B.Viswasa Rao, former Sub Registrar (Retired) and certain officials of Registration & Stamps Department in Zone-II & III Regions due to time limitation prescribed under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980. The Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad has forwarded the Preliminary enquiry report of Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps (Market Value), Office of the Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad to Government for taking further action in the matter under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

4. Government have examined the matter based on the preliminary enquiry officers report and observed that Sri B.Viswasa Rao, former Sub Registrar (Retired) among certain registration officials have registered documents executed on the stamps sold with ante dates without proper verification and thereby caused loss of Revenue to the State exchequer, therefore, it has been provisionally decided to recover loss of Rs.2,79,340/-

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from the Accused Officer Sri B.Viswasa Rao, former Sub Registrar (Retired) among others. Accordingly issued a Show Cause Notice with a direction to show cause as to why the proposed loss should not be recovered from the Accused Officer Sri B.Viswasa Rao, former Sub Registrar (Retired) among others in the reference 3rd read above.

5. In the reference 4th read above, the Accused Officer Sri B.Viswasa Rao, former Sub Registrar (Retired) has submitted representation stating mainly among others that the Purchaser is at liberty to get the stamps for registration anywhere in the State and stated that specific instructions were not issued to the concerned Sub-Registrars at that time to verify by referring to the concerned Sub-Registrar and find out whether the purchase of stamps are genuine or not. He has further stated that instructions were issued very late after three months i.e., 28-07-1995 in Memo No. E2/2258/1995 wherein, it was stated that all the sub-Registrars in the Zone are hereby alerted that if any such documents are presented for registration that they may keep pending all such documents and report to the office. He has further stated that he had registered the concerned document only on the basis of a certificate issued by the then Sub-Registrar, Amalapuram as per the instructions were in vogue. He has further stated that the Records were seized on 31-03-1995 itself and stated that no stamps shall have to be issued by Sub-Treasury Office, unless these certificates were issued by Sub-Registrar that the registers maintained by the stamp vendors are surrendered and stated that obviously, no stamps could be purchased subsequent to 31-03-1995 and registered the documents. He has further stated that the Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad had issued instructions dt:6-5-1995 to all the District Registrars to take steps supervise, verify and to seize the records and stated that when they failed to perform their duty, it is not pertinent to fix the liability on him and stated that it is their dereliction of duty. He has further stated that the Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad had issued instructions dt:30-05-1995 to the District Registrar to verify, but they failed to do their duty. He has further stated that without conducting any enquiry, how they arrived to the conclusion that there is loss of revenue to the state ex-chequer without any evidence, documents and without any notice and fixing liability on him is not on the incumbent on Government. He has further stated that the enquiry conducted by Deputy Inspector General (Market Value) also opined that the stamp vendors and the Sub-Registrar, Amalapuram have taken advantage of the time gap and higher denomination stock drawn from Sub-Treasury Office, Amalapuram. Subsequently, i.e.,01-04-1995 entered in the stock register and corresponding sale entries have been reflected in the sale register and created an impression that the stock was drawn correctly and sold accordingly were responsible for the loss of revenue.

6. He has further stated that the Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad had issued instructions dt:20.08.2001, to collect the deficit amount after assessing the actual loss occurred in respect of document involved from the parties concerned and stated that how the amount of Rs.2,79,340/- shown as loss was arrived yet is not known and stated that it appears that the report of the Cental Bureau, Crime Investigation Department is a fabricated one and requested the Governemnt to consider the above facts and to close the matter.

7. Government have examined the matter in the light of the representation of the Accused Officer and material made available with Government, confirmed the recovery of loss of Rs. 2,79,340/- from the

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Accused Officer Sri B.Viswasa Rao, former Sub Registrar (Retired). The Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission have also agreed with the proposal of the department in the reference 6th read above. (copy enclosed).

8. Therefore, Government, hereby order for recovery of loss of Rs.2,79,340/- against the Accused Officer Sri B.Viswasa Rao, former Sub Registrar (Retired) for registering the documents executed on the stamps sold with ante dates without proper verification and thereby caused loss of Revenue to the State exchequer.

9. The Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

AJEYA KALLAM
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad
The Individual (w.e) (through the Director & Inspector General,
Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad with a
request to serve the order and furnish the served copy with dated
acknowledgement to Government for record).

Copy to:
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner,
Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.
The Principal Secretary,
Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps,
Vijayawada / Guntur.
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Eluru
The Cental Bureau, Crime Investigation Department,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER